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SB 141  
RELATING TO  
PUBLIC LANDS, MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSITION OF

Statement for  
Senate Committee on  
Energy and Natural Resources  
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SB 141 would increase the membership on the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) from six to seven members. The additional member would be required to have background in natural resource management. Our statement on this bill does not represent an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

We strongly support the intent of SB 141 as it directly addresses the need for an environmental perspective on the BLNR. However, the ambiguity of the amended language actually permits an individual with a background in natural resource exploitation, such as quarrying and forest cutting, to serve on the board. In order to insure that the intent of SB 141 is followed we suggest that the language be amended to read, at least one of whom shall have background in natural resource conservation.